GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up water ports and roll-on/ roll-off services in the country to transport goods and vehicles; and;
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under the Ministry of Shipping, develops and maintains the waterways which are declared as National Waterways (NWs) for shipping and navigation. So far, five waterways have been declared as NWs which are being developed and maintained with fairways of targeted depth and width, terminal facilities with mechanized cargo handling facilities and navigational aids.

As part of development of NW-1, multi-modal terminals are planned at Varanasi, Sahibganj and Haldia. A Ro-Ro terminal at Dhubri (Assam) on NW-2 (river Brahmaputra) is being constructed for movement of passengers, goods and vehicles.
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